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GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW

Russia Launches Hypersonic Missile Vladimir Putin Says Can Overcome U.S. Defense Systems

Newsweek, Mar. 11

Russia has reportedly launched a hypersonic missile that travels at 10 times the speed of sound and has immunity to air defense systems.

STRATCOM Chief: Nuclear Deterrent Upgrades Needed

FEDweek, Mar. 9

The commander of U.S. Strategic Command wants lawmakers to approve Pentagon plans to modernize the nation's nuclear-deterrent capabilities. "The strategic landscape of today is increasingly uncertain, complex, and volatile," Air Force Gen. John E. Hyten told members of the House Armed Services strategic forces subcommittee.

U.S. Pares Operations at Base in Turkey

Wall Street Journal, Mar. 12

The U.S. military has sharply reduced combat operations at the Incirlik Air Base in Turkey and is considering permanent cutbacks there, U.S. officials said, a shift they said was driven by tensions between Washington and Ankara.

Pentagon head warns Syrian forces on use of chemical weapons

Associated Press, Mar. 11

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis warned the Syrian government not to use chemical weapons in its civil war and has made it clear that it would be "very unwise" to use gas in attacks.

BUDGET/CONGRESS

Asking for just \$308M, Army submits modest wish list to Congress

Defense News, Mar. 12

The Army in recent years has asked for extra dollars in funding to grow its force and increase its capability but this year the service is only asking for \$308 million in its unfunded requirements.

TRAINING

Army missile defense soldiers revive 'Roving Sands' exercise, return to maneuver routes

Army Times, Mar. 11

For more than a decade, the Army's air and missile defense soldiers have lacked a regular, large-scale opportunity to train their missile systems, moving them like they would in a real-world fight.

THREAT NETWORKS

Alabama man pleads guilty to attempting to support ISIS

Homeland Preparedness News, Mar. 12

The man allegedly researched how to make triacetone triperoxide (TATP), purchased required materials and planned to use TATP in an IED.

Two terrorists held in Operation Raddul Fasaad

The Nation, Mar. 12

Two terrorists were apprehended and a cache of arms and ammunition including IEDs, rockets and ammunition of different caliber were recovered.

COUNTER-IED

New Army Minesweeper Can See Buried IEDs

Newsweek, Mar. 12

The U.S. Army is developing a new kind of metal detector that allows soldiers to see buried bombs. Current metal detectors use an audible notification to tell troops when they are sweeping over possible IEDs.

Nigeria: Detonating IEDs a Major Challenge in North East - Army

AllAfrica.com, Mar. 12

The Nigerian Army has said that detonating IEDs was one of its major challenges in the fight against insurgency in the North East.

International Instructors Conduct Counter IED Training

DVIDS, Mar. 12

The group of international instructors from Canada, Australia and America taught courses to international training platoons. The two-day final field training event covered counter IED and EOD training during foot patrols and when mounted in convoys.

COUNTER-UAS

General Atomics Demos Acoustic Surveillance Tech for Counter-UAS Missions

Executive Biz, Mar. 9

General Atomics' electromagnetic systems business demonstrated an acoustic detection system during an event held at the U.S. Army's Fires Center of Excellence in Lawton, Oklahoma. "Fencepost" is designed to integrate with multiple networked sensors, collect data and detect multiple threats in CUAS, facility protection and port security operations.

In first, Israel uses drones to drop tear gas on Gaza protesters — report

The Times of Israel, Mar. 12

During one such protest along the Gaza border last month, members of the Palestinian Popular Resistance Committees terrorist group placed at least one IED on the security fence, disguised as a flag, which they detonated a day later when IDF soldiers tried to remove it, injuring four of them.

WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS

Iraq: Roadside bomb targets Shia fighters in Kirkuk; kills, injures seven

Ahlul Bayt News Agency, Mar. 12

Six people were injured and another killed in an IED explosion in Kirkuk province.

Terrorist Attack Foiled In Central Russia, 3kg TNT Bomb Found — FSB

Malaysian Digest, Mar. 12

Russian security services say they prevented an IED attack planned by a terrorist cell.

At least 4 killed in IED attack in Mogadishu

Xinhua, Mar. 10

At least four members of a Somali security force were killed and another injured in a remote-controlled IED attack.